

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

This responds to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2007.

The examiner and Applicant's attorney discussed this case via telephone on February 29, 2008, and the discussion focused on the relevance of the newly cited patent to Bennett. The examiner asked Applicant's attorney to file this response reflecting the conversation. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the present simple amendment to Claims 11 and 33 to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection be entered and considered without an RCE since the amendment adds back into Claims 11 and 33 what was previously in Claims 11 and 33 prior to the September 5, 2007 amendment. Therefore, no issues are being raised that were not already considered by the examiner.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.